(b) No, Sir. However, in pursuance of a judgement of Central Administrative Tribunal, Principal Bench. New Delhi, in one case, an officer has been retrospectively appointed.

(c) and (d) Some arrangements for looking after current duties of the posts of General Managers and equivalent and a Member of Railway Board have been made pending approval of regular appointments. The claims of all senior eligible officers were, however, taken into account.

(e) and (f) Do not arise.

(g) Yes, Sir.

(h) Does not arise.

Senior Appointments on *Ad Hoc* Basis in the Railway

371. SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of senior appointments at the level of General Managers and Members of the Railway Board are being made on *ad hoc* basis;

(b) if so, the details of such appointments alongwith their ranks;

(c) whether it is a fact that candidates for regular appointments have been selected and approved but are not being appointed; and

(d) if so, what are the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) and (b) Arrangements for looking after the current duties of the post of Member (Traffic), Railway Board and the following posts of General Managers and equivalent have been made pending approval of regular appointments: –

1. General Manager, Eastern Railway;
2. General Manager, South Eastern Railway;
3. General Manager, Western Railway;
4. General Manager, Northeast Frontier Railway (Construction);
5. General Manager, Metro Railway, Calcutta;
6. General Manager, Chittaranjan Locomotive Works, Chittaranjan;
7. General Manager, Rail Coach Factory, Kapurthala;
8. General Manager, Central Organisation for Railway Electrification, Allahabad; and
9. Principal Railway Staff College, Vadodara.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Working of Loco Running Staff

372. SHRI ARANGIL SREEDHARAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Ernakulam Bench of Central Administrative Tribunal has struck down an order of the Railway Board regarding the working of Loco running staff; and

(b) if so, whether Government have withdrawn the order?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir. The orders of Ernakulam Bench of the Central Administrative Tribunal have just been received.

रोहे-दसगांव रेल लाइन पर सुरंग का निर्माण

373. श्री विश्वासराव रामराव पाटिल : क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि रोहे-दासगांव रेल लाइन पर कोंकण रेलवे द्वारा बनायी जा रही सुरंग के निर्माण कार्य को पर्यावरण और वन मंत्रालय के आदेश पर रोक दिया गया है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसके क्या कारण हैं ; और

(ग) कोंकण रेलवे मंडल को उक्त सुरंग के निर्माण के लिये सरकार द्वारा कब तक अनुमति दे दिये जाने की संभावना है ?

रेल मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री मल्लिकार्जुन) : (क) कोंकण रेलवे के रोहे-दसगांव खंड के बीच कोई सुरंग नहीं है ।

(ख) और (ग) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

उत्तर प्रदेश में राष्ट्रीय राजमार्गों पर पार्किंग परिसर (काम्प्लैक्स)

374. **श्री ईश दत्त यादव** : क्या **जल-भूतल परिवहन मंत्री** यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) लम्बी दूरी के ट्रक चालकों के लिये आधारभूत मार्गस्थ सुविधायें उपलब्ध कराने के उद्देश्य से उत्तर प्रदेश में राष्ट्रीय राजमार्गों पर किन-किन स्थलों पर ट्रक पार्किंग परिसरों का निर्माण किया गया है ; और

(ख) इस संबंध में गत तीन वर्षों के दौरान उत्तर प्रदेश में निर्धारित किये गये लक्ष्यों और इस संबंध में अब तक हुई प्रगति का ब्यौरा क्या है ?

जल-भूतल परिवहन मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री जगदीश टाइटलर) : (क) गत तीन वर्षों के दौरान भारत सरकार द्वारा उत्तर प्रदेश में राष्ट्रीय राजमार्गों पर किसी ट्रक पार्किंग परिसर की स्वीकृति/निर्माण नहीं किया गया है ।

(ख) प्रश्न ही नहीं उठता ।

CBI Probe into Functioning of DTC

375. SHRI P. UPENDRA : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that one of the board directors of the Delhi Transport Corporation has demanded a CBI probe into the functioning of the DTC, including plying of private buses on Delhi roads as well as on inter-State routes;

(b) whether Government are aware of the large-scale corruption in disposing of the scrap dumped in the DTC workshop; and

(c) if so, what remedial action Government have taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) No, such instance has come to the notice of the Government.

(c) Does not arise.

Maintenance Grant for National Highways

376. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the amount of maintenance grant per kilometre being given for National Highways;

(b) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to enhance the same; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) (a) Requirments of funds for maintenance of National Highways depend upon factors like the terrain, climate, road condition, traffic intensity and rates of materials in different regions. However, the amounts actually released to the States are governed by the funds made available in the Annual Budget. For the maintenance of 33689 kms of NHs, a sum of Rs. 166.78 crores is allocated in the current year's budget.

(b) and (c) Because of the constraint of resources, the present allocation is short of the assessed requirements. Enhancement of maintenance grant will, however, depend upon the availability of resources .

Widening of Vijayawada Chilakalurpet National High-way

377. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to widen National Highway in between Vijaywada-Chilakalurpet into 4 lanes;

(b) if so, the action taken so far in this regard; and

(c) by when the above work is likely to be completed and the amount required for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Four-laning of NH_5